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Community *notes*

Howard County Fair

Enjoy the sights, events and traditions of the 69th Annual Howard County Fair. From Saturday, August 2 through Saturday, August 9, the Fairgrounds will host parades, agricultural and livestock exhibits and shows, amusement rides and locally made arts and crafts.

The Fair will operate from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. daily. Visit the [Fair website](#) to plan your trip.



Young People's Concert Benefitting Grassroots

The community is invited to Collision Music's annual youth concert on Saturday, August 2 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Bridgeway Youth Center, 9179 Red Branch Road, Columbia.



This year's concert will be conducted in an open mic format with featured sets by Jenna Jill, Josh Huff-Edsall, Ba'ss and Alex Asifo. The open mic sets will be filled on a first come, first served basis and are available to teen musicians. Signup will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Other activities during the event include a bake sale, foosball, pool, ping pong, basketball and a raffle with over \$300 in prizes. Admission is \$5 per person. All proceeds benefit Grassroots Crisis Intervention. Want to help Grassroots but can't make the concert? Click [here](#) to donate online.

Greetings

Every year, National Night Out gives neighbors the opportunity to host gatherings and to better know one another. This is a wonderful way to relax with neighbors and give our kids a safe way to enjoy the pleasures of being outside after dark!

Many thanks

Prepare for Success

Since 2002, [Prepare for Success](#), a local non-profit organization, has provided school supplies for more than 26,000 HCPSS students. This year, they hope to help as many HCPSS students as possible.



How can you help? Please consider donating \$25 or more to fill backpacks with needed school supplies. And to make it easy, you may donate [online](#).

Thank you for helping Howard County students be prepared for the upcoming school year!

Planning Your Recreational Activities

Howard County's Recreation and Parks has announced it's Fall registration for camps and activities begins on Wednesday, August 6. Visit the [HCRP Fall Guide and Registration webpage](#) to browse the offerings.

Don't forget the [Summer Serenades and Traveling Bands concerts](#). They continue until August 13 and August 15, respectively.

Learning Golf and Life Lessons

The First Tee of Howard County is a program affiliated with The National First Tee, a World Golf Foundation initiative. Beyond introducing them to the sport of golf, the program aims to provide participants with an opportunity to acquire skills that will help them lead more productive and satisfying lives.

These skills, such as self-control, goal setting, and dealing with challenges are valuable in playing the game. And, since mastering golf requires these abilities, *The First Tee* emphasizes the values of honesty, integrity and sportsmanship in its Life Skills Program.

The First Tee of Howard County is accepting registration for its Fall sessions. Visit their [website](#) to find out more about the program and learn how it can also enhance every facet of a young person's life outside the golf setting.

It's Magic!

The Department of Citizen Services announces the popular 1-2-3 Magic, Effective Discipline for Children age 2 – 12 workshop for parents and grandparents is back! Coordinated by the Office of Children's Services, the workshop will be held on Thursday, August 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ellicott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Road. Participants will learn techniques to help curb their children's negative behaviors such as whining, arguing, yelling, and tantrums, and encourage positive habits regarding homework, cleaning up, eating, bedtime, and getting ready.

The program costs \$5.00 per person, and pre-registration is required. Space is limited; to pre-register, call 410-313-1940 or visit the [website](#) and select "Register Online".

Free CPR Classes

Howard County Fire and Rescue offers free classes, Family & Friends CPR. Learn the hands only method and you could save someone's life.

Upcoming classes include the following dates:
Tuesday, August 19, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center (2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville)

Thursday, August 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Howard County Government Gateway (6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia)

Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center (2200 Scott Wheeler Drive, Marriottsville)

Thursday, September 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Howard County Government Gateway (6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia)

Please email handsonlycpr@hcdfrs.org to register. Click [here](#) to see the full schedule.

Get Your Passport to Wellness

Wegmans' Eat Well Live Well program continues with the Passport to Family Wellness book. The book has maps of hikes around 16 Howard County parks, lakes and neighborhoods; it also gives directions, the difficulty of the route and any special features along the way.



Use the book's pages to make a trail marker rubbing (the trail marker is designated by a star on each map). Questers who complete eight trails maintained by Howard County Recreation & Parks (HCRP) or eight trails maintained by Columbia Association (CA) can go to the respective agency for a prize. Questers who complete six trails will receive a Wegmans coupon redeemable for a free Wegmans product. Questers who complete all 16 trails will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Wegmans gift card or a gift certificate from HCRP or CA. Pick up your book at [HC Recreation & Parks](#), [Columbia Association](#) or [Wegmans Columbia](#).

Citizens Police Academy

The Howard County Police Department offers Howard County residents the opportunity to participate in the **Citizens Police Academy program**. This free, interactive, 11-week course gives participants an inside look into the Department's day-to-day operations and provides an understanding of what it is really like to be a police officer in Howard County. Classes are taught by police instructors in a police academy setting at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center in Marriottsville.

Participants will experience:

- Tours of the Department's facilities including the crime lab and 911 call center
- Courses on traffic laws and enforcement, defensive tactics, use of force, community policing, criminal investigations, gangs and more
- Presentations by the Department's K9 unit and tactical unit
- Interactive firearms training on a firearms simulator as well as police pursuit and driver training
- Ride-along with a police officer

Participants must:

- Be Howard County residents
- At least 18 years old
- Have no criminal record
- Commit to attend all 11 sessions

The Department will offer the next session of a Citizens Police Academy beginning on September 8, 2014. Deadline to register is August 31. For more information, call 410-313-1364 or visit the website at www.hcpd.org.

Howard County Arts Council Seeks Artists for Head StART in Art Residencies

Visual and performing artists are needed for residencies for the *Head StART in ART* program for the 2014-2015 school year. Residencies will take place at the Ellicott City Head Start Center or the Tubman Head Start Center in Columbia. Artists seeking a residency must have experience working with children; experience with pre-K is preferred. The performing artist residency will conclude with performances by the Head Start children. The visual artist residency will conclude with the completion of an art project for display at their Head Start Center or individual projects for students to take home. Applications are available online at www.hocoarts.org or at the Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. **The deadline for proposals is August 15, 2014.**

The Howard County Arts Council coordinates, administers, and funds *Head StART in ART*, with additional funding from Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation, Inc. and grants from PNC Foundation and Nordstrom for the 2014-2015 school year. HCAC selects the artists and works closely with them and the Head Start staff to create a thematic program.

In FY2000, the Howard County Arts Council developed a partnership with the Ellicott City Head Start Center to establish an artist-in-residence program, *Head StART in ART* to provide children with an in-depth, hands-on artistic experience. Participation in such a program during the formative years can have a significant impact on a child's future appreciation of and involvement in the arts and may also advance language and learning skills.

Join Excite Columbia

Columbia Association's (CA) citizens academy, Excite Columbia, will return on Tuesday, September 16 and conclude on October 21. Classes are held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at CA Headquarters, 10221 Wincopin Circle.

Excite Columbia seeks to give residents an in-depth view on how CA operates and serves the community. The citizens academy also provides a forum for CA and community members to interact and engage with one another.

Topics covered include a breakdown of what CA's departments are in charge of; how CA's annual charge is calculated and used each year; how the CA Board of Directors runs its meetings; Columbia's open space; CA's sports, fitness and health offerings; and responsible watershed and energy management. Excite Columbia is open to anyone 18 or older interested in learning more about CA. Registration for the program is required, as there is limited seating. For more information or to register, go to ColumbiaAssociation.org/Excite.

Community Event Reminders

Farm to Table Restaurant Weeks ends Monday, August 4

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5

Spend the evening with neighbors and friends for National Night Out. Howard County will hold its kickoff event at the Harper's Choice Village Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Deer Management Workshop

The Villages of Columbia, Howard County Recreation and Parks and the Columbia Association invite the community to a Deer Management Workshop on Thursday, August 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at The Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia.

Tutors and Mentors Wanted

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc. seeks adult volunteers to provide encouragement and support to students who are struggling to succeed. Volunteers work with students individually or in small groups, one hour/week during the school day or in after-school programs. Volunteer mentors receive training and ongoing support. A-OK partners with the following elementary schools: Atholton, Bryant Woods, Cradlerock, Deep Run, Forest Ridge, Guilford, Hammond, Longfellow, Phelps Luck, Running Brook, Stevens Forest, and Swansfield. To learn more, email aokmentor@gmail.com, or call 410-730-6030, and check the website www.aokmentor.org.

Howard County's Farmers' Markets

Check out the fresh produce and foods offered each week at Howard County's Farmers' Markets. Click [here](#) to plan your visit.



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